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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Earthquake Horror Still Grows—
Two Mine Explosions Fatal to Many—
Preacher a Murderer—Night Riders to Hang.

ITALY'S DISTRESS:—The distress from the earthquakes in Southern Italy continues almost as great as at first, in spite of the millions of dollars which have been sent to that country. The government gift of \$800,000 is being used as rapidly as possible. The first of the battleship fleet have arrived there and the American sailors are doing all they can. \$670,000 has been raised by private parties and sent across, and similar gifts have been made by other countries, and yet there is not enough. Hundreds of thousands are without shelter, clothing or much food, and many of them are crippled and sick. Every cent that is given will be used and will definitely relieve suffering. Thanks to the organization of the Red Cross, too, none of the money will be lost on the way to pay officials or in any other way. Every thing goes right to the right spot. The work of rescue has been going on the made hard and dangerous by the repeated quakes and even as late as fourteen days after the great quake when every one was given up for dead, people were taken out of the ruins alive. No further figures have been given as to the number of deaths—it may be months before the number will be at all accurately known. The Italian government has never changed its estimate of 115,000, but others have made estimates running from 150,000 to 300,000. It is likely that 150,000 is the most nearly correct.

BIG MINE EXPLOSION:—Between fifty and a hundred miners were killed Tuesday morning at the Lick Branch mine at Switchback, in West Virginia. About three hundred more were at work in the mine, and it is uncertain how many of them have escaped.

EXPLOSION KILLS NINETEEN:—An explosion of gas in the coal mine at Zeigler, Ill., owned by Phillip Leiter, who engineered the famous "wheat corner" a few years ago caused the death Sunday of nineteen men. Several others were injured.

MURDER BY PREACHER:—A murder mystery in which it was finally found that the man originally supposed the victim was really the murderer, was the feature of last week's criminal news. The crime was committed in a Methodist church near Detroit, Mich. A man's body was found cut up and partially burned. At first it was supposed that the body was that of the Rev. John H. Carmichael, pastor of the church, but finally, by means of the teeth, it was decided that the victim had been one Gideon Browning. The preacher disappeared, and was not found till he committed suicide at a small boarding house in Illinois. He left a letter confessing the deed, and saying his victim hypnotized him.

NIGHT RIDERS SENTENCED:—Six of the 8 men who had been tried in Tennessee for night riding and the murder of Capt. Rankin, have been found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. The other two have been sentenced to twenty years apiece in the penitentiary. A new trial has been refused and an appeal will be made.

POINT FOR THAW:—A point has finally been won by lawyers for Harry K. Thaw, who has been trying to get him out of the lunatic asylum ever since they managed to have him sent there instead of to the electric chair. They have finally found a judge who is willing to give him a new trial to determine whether or not he is still insane. As he has never been insane, but only a murderer, it is likely that he will be allowed to get out.

GUILLOTINE USED:—The guillotine, that famous machine which was used to kill so many French nobles in the Reign of Horror, was brought into use in France again Monday after being out of work for a number of years, and four men were killed with it. The executions were public.

TRY TO IMITATE CHRIST:—An experiment is being made in Cleveland by several thousand young people, to see if they can live as they think Christ would have them. They have undertaken to do it for two weeks, and the experiment has aroused a great deal of interest all over the country. Some have already declared that they cannot do it—others say they have no trouble at all.

PROHIBITION IN TENNESSEE:—The fight for state wide prohibition

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SCHOOL FINE

Opening Most Successful in History of Berea—Good Times for the Many Students on Hand Now.

The opening days of the Winter Term were stormy and there seemed to be less of a crowd and jam than usual. The fact was, however, that the superior management enabled the school officers to deal with the students, new and old, more rapidly and satisfactorily than ever before. There were one hundred and thirteen more students registered the first day than at the beginning of any previous term, and the total increase of students for the winter is likely to exceed two hundred.

The greatest pains has been taken to provide the best accommodations for all comers. The Boarding Hall with its three annexes is a wonder to see. Two store buildings on the opposite street have been fixed up for school rooms. The new hotel just across from Ladies Hall, not yet ready for customers, is to be occupied as a home for young ladies this winter.

There seems to be an increase in every department. The Academy is greatly strengthened in all the five courses which it offers. The Normal Department with its enlarged faculty seems to be especially crowded with students.

Mr. Francis Clark's class for young farmers is a most interesting feature. Miss Campbell's classes of beginners on the cabinet organ is especially important. A number of young men are joining the class in carpentry which was formed at the beginning of the year.

Few College students join at this time of the year but several have appeared and the Collegiate Department with its great library and laboratory facilities is offering wonderful attractions.

A large number of teachers who have been delayed by late closing of their own schools are expected this week and next and special arrangements are being made to help them enter pleasantly and catch up quickly with the students already started.

The students this year seem to be having better time than ever before. While they were waiting to get in one by one to the Registrar's office they were entertained by a phonograph, and the College has provided a number of moving pictures which help to "drive dull care away."

President Frost preached to the students on Sunday and Prof. Ellis gave a most important and interesting lecture Monday morning.

BURIAL OF JAMES ROSS

Following is a portion of a letter written by Mr. Henry Isaacs of Buck Creek to his son who is here in school telling of the burial of James Ross there. The story of the burial seemed unusually interesting and The Citizen secured permission to print it.

We all got back this evening from James Ross' burying. You have heard perhaps, through the papers that Jim Ross killed himself in Cincinnati last Thursday, by shooting himself through the head. He left several letters addressed to his father and others stating that he was tired of living, and giving no other reason for his rash act.

There was a host of people at the burying. He was buried on top of that high point in front of William Ross' door. Tom Quillin hauled the corpse, and just as he got to the top of the hill some one raised a flag and the mules took fright and ran away, going down toward the road leading up to Mrs. Peabworth's. They were stopped at the fence on the roadside, happily the wagon did not turn over, neither was the corpse thrown from the wagon. No damage was done except the lid of the coffin was thrown off. The bleached countenances of men and the wild shrieks of women and children were indeed appalling. The whole crowd was wonderfully excited. Jim Ross and Kate Price were married the 8th of last September in Richmond, Ky., but none of his people knew it until recently. She was with him in Cincinnati, and they were preparing to go to Kansas, when he shot himself. Jim was 23 years old and was as you know a nice young man, had served three years in the regular army.

Newspapers in Manuscript. Regularly prepared manuscript sheets were circulated as newspapers in China, Rome and Venice long before the invention of printing.

PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.

For seven years President Roosevelt has been trying to do what no other President has ever succeeded in doing—make Congressmen pass legislation for the good of the whole people, instead of regarding their well-paid jobs in the National Capitol as private snags, and spending their time trying to get rich and fix things so that their friends could get rich—all at the expense of the people. Mr. Roosevelt has had a remarkable success—he has forced Congress, much against its will, to pass legislation which should have been put thru years ago. He has driven and bulldozed and bullied Congress into the paths of righteousness. He has not been wholly dignified—he has sometimes gone beyond his own proper authority, and he has made a great many very able enemies. Now at last Congress thinks it has a chance to get even.

No man has ever been so feared by Congress as Roosevelt has. He has spoken the truth without fear, and no time-serving politician likes that. He has drawn the line of political honesty clearly, and the politicians do not like that, either. He has worked for the people, and they do not like that, either. Now, when his term is about over, they think that he is losing his power to hurt them, and are at last daring for the first time to show clearly how bitterly they have disliked doing what little good they have done.

There is no need to go into each of the subjects on which Congress has tried to pick a quarrel. In each of them Congress has been wrong at the start, and the President has shown it. Congress, sitting in judgment on itself, solemnly declares that it is innocent of the charges which he has made to stand out as clearly as black from white. Congress, its own judge, decides that the President must be more respectful, even to its members who do not deserve respect, and that he must not say unpleasant things about their faults. But Congress has not, up to date, brought up a single fact in reply to the President's attacks, or shown a single place where he has mis-stated the truth or wronged any man.

Congress must be asleep to think that the people of the country can be deceived so easily. It is true that the papers belonging to the Congressional faction are breaking all records trying to mislead the people, but they are failing, as they have failed before. Roosevelt has been tried, and is known—Congress, alas, is also known. The people are with Roosevelt, as they have shown every time he has come up for a vote, and they will remain with him. The truths which he is uttering are stronger than the evasions of Congress and will prevail in the end, and Congress cannot possibly sully the honor of the President with its speechmaking and pitiful attempts at appearing innocent and dignified. The sooner Congress sees this, the better it will be for all concerned.

MORE RESOURCES NEEDED.

The panic and hard times of last year are about over, and there is every evidence that prosperity is coming back to the whole country. The mountains of Kentucky suffered perhaps more severely than any other section, largely because there was added to the natural hard times a shortage in the corn crop. When the hard times took away the market for timber products, and the dry spell ruined the Blue Grass market for cattle, and the corn crop went short, the resources of the mountains were all hit, and it became difficult to make money any where. In other parts of the country men turned from one thing to another, and if one crop failed, why, another produced well, so that on the whole the farmers of the country had a good year, and have not felt the hard times.

The fact that the mountains suffered more than their share proves that more kinds of business—more sources of money making, are needed here. If there had been large forage crops, such as alfalfa or cowpeas or soybeans, we could have fattened our own cattle, and kept the price up. If there had been a lot of sheep raised, we could have lived on the proceeds of wool. If there had been more of the fireside industry, more making of the old fashioned bed covers and homespun rugs, which bring such high prices in the cities, there would have been another defense against the hard times—in short, every additional form of money making would have helped stave off hardship, and contributed to the prosperity of the mountains.

Our resources are now too narrow, and they are growing worse: Corn raised again and again on the same land, makes it poorer and poorer, and already the mountain lands have reached a point where many of our best young men are leaving home to find a good living. Rotation of crops would help a great deal, and at the same time make it less likely that the farmer's whole year's work would be spoiled by a dry or a wet spell. Most of the money in cattle raising goes, not to the mountain farmer, but to the Blue Grass fatterer. Timber is becoming scarce—it will not long furnish a living to many men, and it takes a long time to raise a new crop. If we are to share in the wealth of this great country we will have to have other things to depend on.

No one rule can be laid down for all. Each man should study the conditions on his own farm, and learn how he can make the most out of it. He should not be content to scratch a poorer and poorer living out of the land each year, but should put his brains into his farming and get the constantly increasing returns that come from careful work. He should also learn what to do to get the most money out of his spare time—and especially he should not wait for his neighbors to make a start, but should think and act for himself. It always pays in the end. Try it and see!

IN WASHINGTON

Congress Doing Nothing but Hit at President—Regular Work Stopped While it Tells of Its Grouch—Battle Ships Likely.

Washington, D. C. January 11, 1909.

Congress came together after the holidays last Monday at noon, and promptly listened to the President's request that \$800,000 be appropriated for the victims of the earthquakes in southern Italy. It passed a measure providing for the relief suggested without an opposing vote.

After this praiseworthy act Congress straightway proceeded to behave less well. The first business was the reading of the President's reply to the resolution of Congress asking for reasons for his censure of the action of Congress last year in cutting off the appropriations to pay for the Secret Service or detectives used by the executive part of the government. In his reply Mr. Roosevelt said that he did not care to state any case in which the detectives had discovered

wrong acts by Congressmen, but was simply pleading for money to make the Secret Service an effective instrument for the enforcement of law and order.

Congress made fun of the message, jeering at it in a most undignified way, and gave it into the hands of the Perkins Committee which asked for such an explanation from the President. This was on Monday evening. For four days Congress did nothing but loaf around and wait until the members who wanted to "roast" and attack the President could get their speeches ready. Then, on Friday, the entire day was given over to a childish outburst of denunciation of Mr. Roosevelt.

HIT AT PRESIDENT.

Mr. Perkins reported that the Committee had decided that those portions of the annual message which related to the Secret Service should be "laid on the table" and not become a part of the records of Congress. Only once before has Congress done such a thing in the history of the United States, namely when Andrew Jackson asked that a part of the

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IN OUR OWN STATE

Beach Hargis Stirs up Trouble for Many—Fatal Fire in Winchester—Girl Killed in Street Fight—School Law to be Enforced.

BEACH HARGIS TROUBLES:—Beach Hargis has been having his troubles, and has finally been released again on his promise to be good. When he arrived in Jackson from Irvine he at once got a gun and whiskey, and before the next night, had been arrested on two warrants, released on bond, and re-arrested and put in jail. He was fined \$96 on the three counts, and for a while his mother let him stay in jail as she was afraid that if he were let out he would get into further trouble. Finally she was won over, and paid the fine. Hargis has been looking for trouble ever since he reached Jackson, and has tried to pick fights with all the witnesses who were against him, including his uncle.

WINCHESTER FIRE:—A fire destroyed the Court View hotel at Winchester Thursday morning, caused the loss of one life, and injuries to six persons. The man killed was a clerk who had escaped but went back to rescue some of his things. He was not seen alive again. Those who were hurt jumped from the windows of their rooms. The loss is put at \$3,000.

GIRL KILLED IN FIGHT:—A street fight in the early morning in Williamstown, Ky., growing out of a dispute at a dance, led to the killing of Miss Ethel Ransom, who was trying to make peace, and the fatal wounding of her brother. The Lanter boys, who are accused of the deed, have been arrested.

VOTE FOR PRESIDENT:—The Presidential Electors chosen in Kentucky at the last November election, all Democrats, met Monday in Frankfort and officially cast their votes for Bryan for President. R. D. Thornbury was chosen to carry the vote to Congress.

TO ENFORCE SCHOOL LAW:—Superintendent Crabbe has decided that in future the new school law will be rigidly enforced. He cannot of course compel any county to carry out the provisions of the act, but he will refuse to pay over to such a county the state funds for schools, and he will refuse to pay the salary of any teacher who does not have a certificate valid under the new law. So, if people do not want to obey the new law, they will have to teach without money.

THROWS BABY FROM TRAIN:—A tunnel watchman on the Illinois Central Railroad came into the station with the body of a small baby the other day and declared that it had been thrown from the train by a woman, evidently its mother. The child died almost instantly. There is no clue as to whose it was.

BRADLEY'S NEPHEW INSANE:—Dr. Samuel Scott, one of the best known physicians of the mountains, and a nephew of Sen. Bradley, has been adjudged insane in Somerset. Grief over the tragic death of his brother is supposed to have made the trouble.

COMING! COMING!

Don't forget the Inter-Society debate Friday night. This is the great literary and intellectual treat of the year, when an absolutely unequalled aggregation of celebrated orators will deliver declamatory discourses for the benefit of benighted Bereans. Six—Count 'em—Six, great and grand gesticulators will debate the following question:—

RESOLVED:—That the tendency toward the Centralization of Power in the Federal government is dangerous to the best interests of the Republic.

The affirmative of this will be taken by Phi Delta, who will choose their three speakers from the following:—Jesse Baird, D. O. Bowman, H. O. Caldwell, C. C. Flanery, J. D. McFerron, and L. L. Shadoin, Alpha Zeta on the negative, will be represented by three of these:—Alfred Meese, Glenn Hoffman, Abner Stillwell, Geo. Lampe, Marshall Vaughn and Bodie Thompson.

The judges will be:—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Crabbe, Representative Jerre Sullivan of Richmond, and the Rev. Dr. Allen of Toledo, O.

Good, better, best
Never let it rest
Till your good is better,
And your better, best.

The Owl

By Byron Williams

A wise old bird is the "who-who" owl,
Around all night on an awful spree!
But what he tells to his waiting wife
Is more than I can pretend to see!

As soon as darkness is on the land
He hies away o'er the woodland flat—
But what says he to his angry spouse
When he comes home from an all night bat?

Oh, what says he when she pins him down
And wants to know where he spent the night?
He must lie well, for when darkness falls,
He is off again in the fading light!

He must be smooth with the line of "con"
He tells each morn with the lilt of a lark,
And wise—as wise as Methuselah—
Or Mrs. Owl is an easy mark!

I wish I knew half the tales he tells
And how to hand out the dope just right!
I'd like to take about one short term
Of school from him on some moonlight night!

THINGS TO THINK OF

Rejoice in every good thing.
If it is not right, do not do it. If
it is not true do not say it.

All who joy would win must share it.
—Happiness was born a twin.—
Byron.

Those who bring sunshine to the
lives of others cannot keep it from
themselves.—J. M. Barrie.

Thank God for a man who is cheerful
in spite of life's troubles, I say;
who sings of a bright tomorrow,
because of the clouds of today. His life
is a beautiful sermon, and this
is the lesson to me—meet trials with
smiles and they vanish; face cares
with a song and they flee.

GOOD DEEDS.

"I shall pass through this world but
once; therefore whatever good thing
there is which I may do, let me do
it now; let me not postpone nor defer
it, for I shall not come this way
again."

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER

For her the day was done,
And as the sun
Sank low within the west,
Mother went to rest
In quiet sleep,
And with his sheep
Was folded
Within the Gates!

For us—the night,
For her—the Day;
For us—the fight,
For her—out in the light—
The song of Victory!

And now, dear Lord, we pray,
That we may stay
Comforted in the thought,
Which Thy dear word has brought,—
And from our gloom—sets free,—
That whosoever "believes in Thee
Shall never die!"

And help us try
To meet
Upon the street,
Of Thy Eternal City, bright,
Our Mother;
And think of her
Today—tomorrow—
Within—The Light!

H. M. Racer,
Jan. 8, 1909.

DR. ALLEN COMING

The Rev. Ernest Bourner Allen, D. D., minister of the Washington Street Congregational Church, Toledo, Ohio, will preach next Sunday in the Union church in the morning, at Narrows Gap in the afternoon, and in the Chapel in the evening; he will also give the Monday lecture to the student body. His church is noted for its great Sunday school, which under the efficient leadership of Mr. Marion Lawrence, ably assisted by the minister, has become famous the country over for its enthusiasm, organization, and results in bringing its members into the Kingdom.

Dr. Allen is a most interesting and suggestive speaker whose services are much sought as popular lecturer and preacher. His wife will accompany him. They will be the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Ellis, the former of whom was his Latin teacher.

Lightning Strikes a Pen.
A clerk in a Liverpool (Eng.) office was sitting at his desk during a recent thunderstorm, when what he describes as a ball of flame struck the pen in his hand, producing a startling report. Curiously enough, the pen was not damaged, nor did the clerk himself suffer any injury.